

SIGNS AND WONDERS

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“They devoted themselves to ... prayers. Awe came upon everyone and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.... And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47)

Unleash the Gospel is a guide to unleashing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, families and community and so bring people to encounter Jesus. Just as the first disciples prayed for the descent of the Spirit at Pentecost, we in the Archdiocese of Detroit prayed for a new coming of the Holy Spirit in preparation for Synod 16. And just as the prayers of the first disciples brought about signs and wonders and healings, we in Michigan are also seeing signs and healings. We pray that our sharing of the Gospel that accompanies these signs is effective in moving hearts to come to know the Lord.

Today, ordinary Catholics are reluctant to pray in Jesus Name over others for healing. Yet **healings of the sick** have been a constant sign of God’s Grace and Power since the age of the Apostles. Maybe we’re afraid to try to heal because we doubt we are “holy” enough, or we believe, like the centurion, “Lord, I am not worthy...” Maybe we’re afraid to fail or believe that our faith is not strong enough, or we doubt God.

“BE NOT AFRAID”

Healing is a gift for the Church, a *charism*, that is available to all, even sinners, who repent and fearlessly profess Jesus is Lord. The Gospel is proclaimed today “not only in words but in healings, miracles, signs and wonders that visibly demonstrated the message: in Him the kingdom of God had truly become present.” Healings are happening all around us today.

Come see a great documentary, **FEARLESS**, telling how the Holy Spirit is moving the hearts of Catholics today, and healing bodies and souls.

See the film this Friday, December 1st at 7:00 pm in the STM social hall and join in small-group discussions.



The movie **Fearless** has a local connection. It features Fr. Mathias Thelen, STL, the pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Briton, MI, and a spiritual director at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Two professors from Sacred Heart Major Seminary are also featured: Dr. Mary Healy, author of *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World*, and Dr. Ralph Martin, who is also president of Renewal Ministries in Ann Arbor, an organization devoted to Catholic renewal and evangelization.